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It was the worst day in Avengers' history. The Scarlet Witch suffered a total nervous breakdown after losing control of her reality-altering powers. In the chaos created around the breakdown, many of the other Avengers were killed or hurt, both emotionally and physically. Without funding to keep going, the rest of the team quietly disbanded.

The criminal Electro is hired to infiltrate the high-tech maximum-security prison known as the Raft. He sucks all the power out of Manhattan and overloads the entire island security system, setting free eighty-seven of the most dangerous and powerful criminals on Earth. Who hired Electro to do this and who he helped escape is a mystery.

Trapped on the prison island are S.H.I.E.L.D. Agent Jessica Drew (a.k.a. Spider-Woman), blind lawyer Matt Murdock (a.k.a. Daredevil), Murdock's partner Foggy Nelson, and Luke Cage, Hero for Hire. They have come to see the most powerful super hero in the world, the Sentry, who is rotting in a solitary basement cell because he killed his wife.

When the city goes black, Captain America is already in a black ops S.H.I.E.L.D. copter, headed toward the island. He does not realize that Spider-Man has also hitched a ride. They are joined by the invincible Iron Man, and the impossible battle is won.

Inspired by these events, Captain America is convinced that the New Avengers have been born. He convinces Tony Stark to help him put the team together, without all the trappings, politics and finances to which the previous Avengers were accustomed. Tony agrees, and the team is assembled. Their first mission is to find out who is responsible for the largest super-villain prison break in history.

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WOW.

JESSICA DREW.

WELCOME TO THE NEW AVENGERS.

YOU'RE JUST IN TIME.

AGENT HILL. THIS IS--

SPECIAL AGENT HILL *AND* ACTING DIRECTOR OF S.H.I.E.L.D. AND WHATEVER THIS IS...I SAY *NO.*

WE HAVE THE SENTRY IN CUSTODY. WE HAVE THE OTHER RAFT PRISONERS IN LOCKDOWN.

WE'LL TAKE CARE OF IT ON OUR--

MARIA HILL S.H.I.E.L.D. DEPUTY DIRECTOR
SUPER POWER DIVISION CLASS 5
BROADCASTING LOCATION:
S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER ALPHA WAR ROOM
BROADCAST SCRAMBLED/DESCRAMBLE BY
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WE HAVE PUT A NEW AVENGERS TEAM TOGETHER.

YOU ARE LOOKING AT THE CORE GROUP. I AM ASSUMING FULL RESPON--

YEAH, UM, I'M GOING TO HANG UP ON YOU NOW. NOT OUT OF DISRESPECT, BUT BECAUSE I HAVE *NO* TIME FOR THIS TODAY.

THIS IS EXACTLY THE KIND OF CRAP THAT PUT NICK FURY WHERE HE IS, AND I'M TELLING YOU *THIS* IS *NOT* HAPPENING.

WHERE'S NICK FURY?

AGENT HILL. THIS IS STEVE ROGERS, CAPTAIN AMERICA. DO YOU HAVE ACCESS TO MY S.H.I.E.L.D. FILE?

YES, I DO, CAPTAIN.

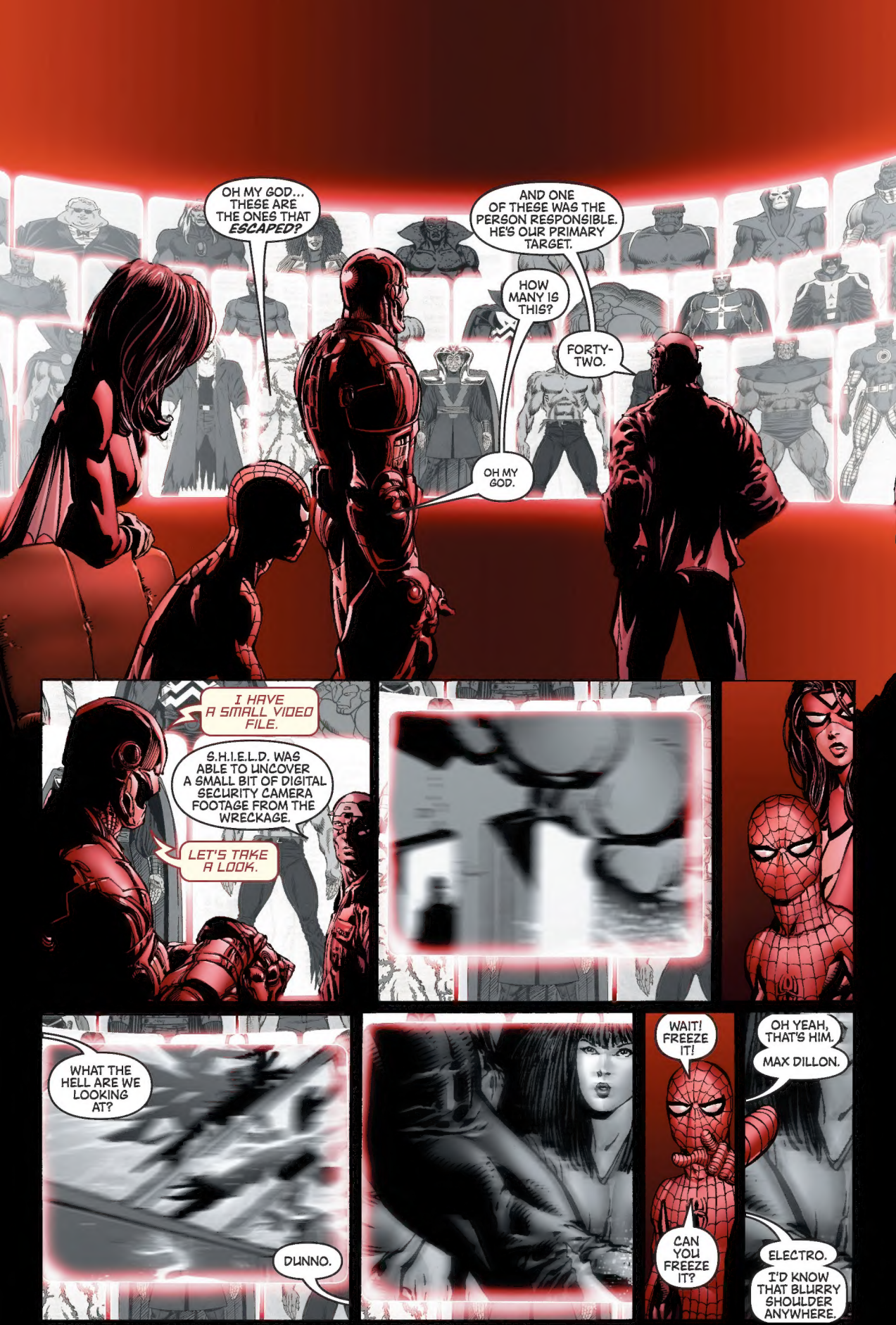
THEN YOU CAN VERIFY FOR YOURSELF THAT I HAVE FULL CHAMPION LICENSE.

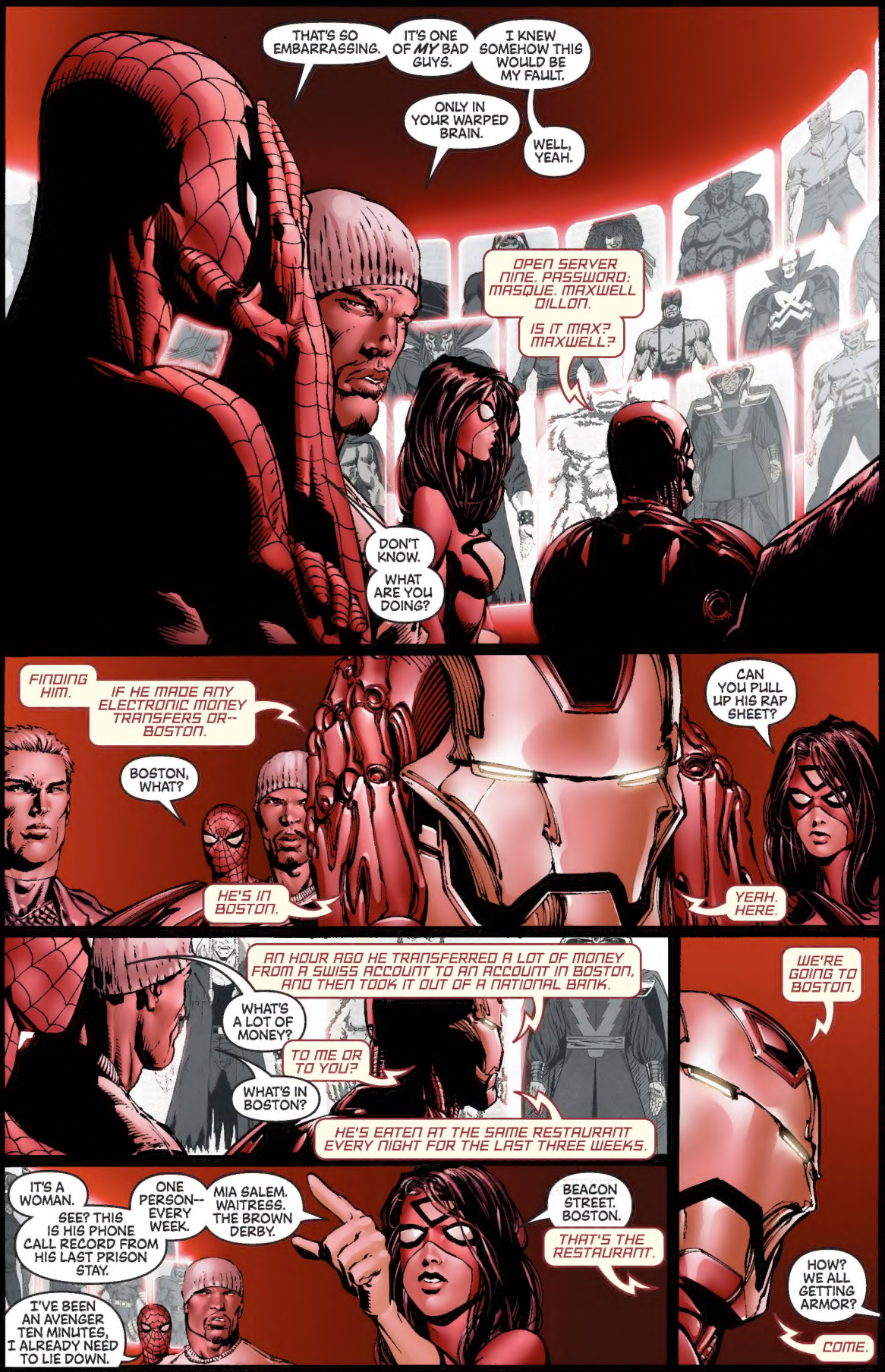
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT.

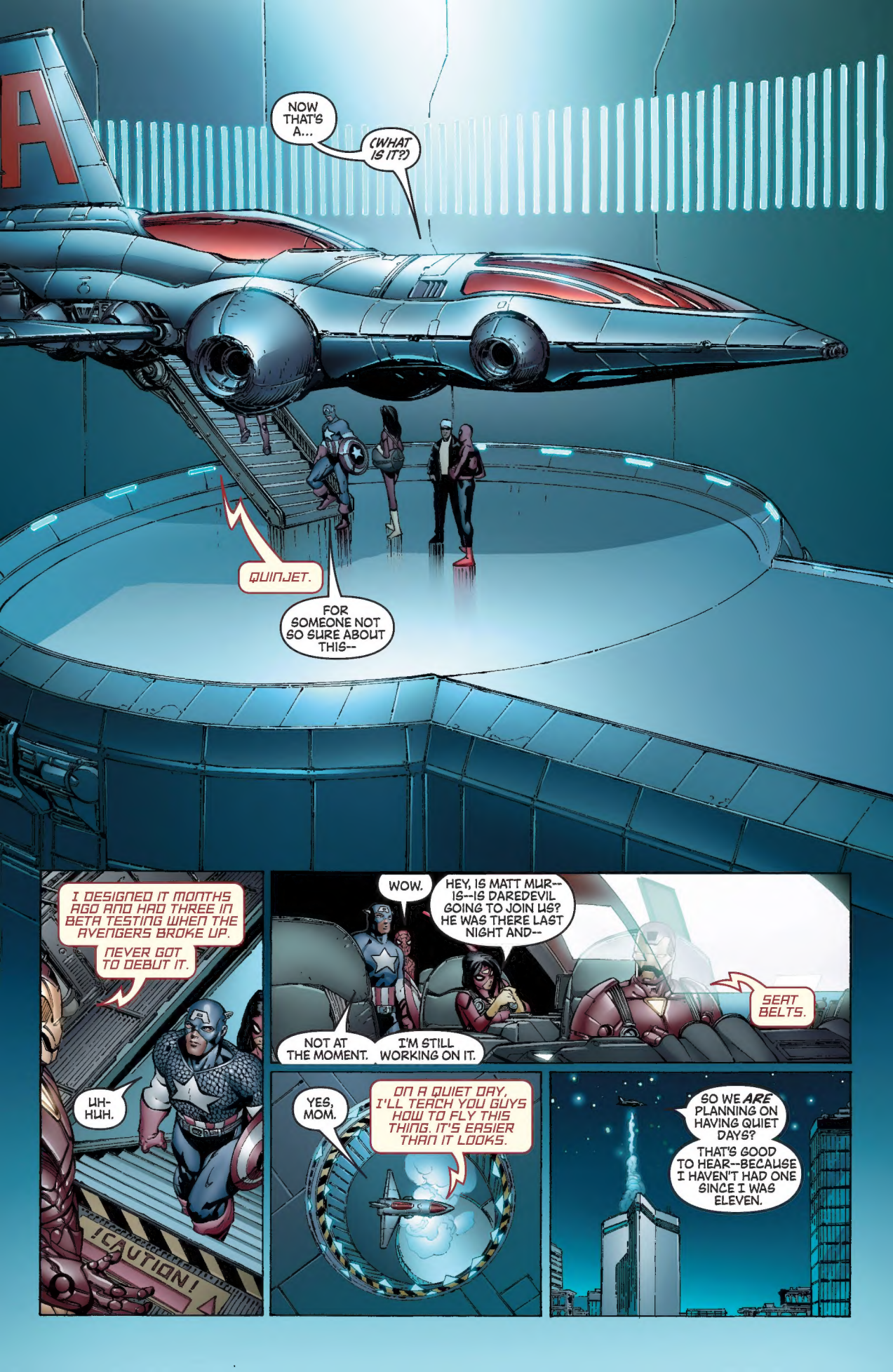
OH NO. I AM NOT JOINING THE CHAMPIONS.
IT MEANS, MY FRIEND, THAT I HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ASSEMBLE ANY TEAM I SEE FIT TO GO ON ANY MISSION I SEE FIT.
YEAH? I HAVE CLONES.
IT MEANS WE DON'T NEED S.H.I.E.L.D. PERMISSION TO PUT THE AVENGERS BACK TOGETHER.
AND NO OFFENSE TO YOU, AGENT HILL, BUT CONSIDERING THAT S.H.I.E.L.D. HAS SOME 40-ODD MAJOR POWERED THREATS...
...WHO WERE, JUST LAST NIGHT, UNDER S.H.I.E.L.D. GUARD...
...NOW RUNNING LOOSE IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND BEYOND...
...I WOULD THINK THAT YOU WOULD WELCOME OUR EXPERTISE.
NOT REALLY INTERESTED IN OUTSIDE HELP. SO, THANK--
AGAIN, YOU SEEM TO BE MISSING THE POINT OF THE CONVERSATION.
JESSICA DREW IS AN ACTIVE AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D. LEVEL SEVEN, AND NOW AN ACTIVE AVENGER AS WELL.
SHE HAS FULL ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE ABOUT WHAT WENT ON AT THE RAFT LAST NIGHT.
WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO IS WORK WITH YOU AND GET THIS DONE QUICKLY.
I'M SORRY IF YOU WERE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT WE WERE ASKING PERMISSION.
CAN YOU TELL US WHERE YOU ARE IN THE INVESTIGATION?
WE REALLY WOULD LIKE TO HELP.
CAPTAIN, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOU PRIVATELY.
CERTAINLY.

ALL RIGHT.
LOOKS LIKE I'M A SUPER HERO AGAIN.
WELL, AGENT DREW... IN THE MOST P.C., NON-THREATENING, PROFESSIONAL WAY I'D LIKE TO SAY...
EXACTLY.
DAMN, GIRL.
THANKS, GUYS.
HOW'S YOUR ARM, PETE...?
OH YEAH, YOU TWO KNOW EACH OTHER.
KINDA.
SPIDER-MAN, SPIDER-WOMAN-- YOU GUYS RELATED?
NO.
YOU GIVE HER HER POWERS OR SOMETHING?
NO. SHE'S TOTALLY UNRELATED TO ME IN ANY WAY.
SO SHE RIPPED OFF YOUR NAME?
EXACTLY.

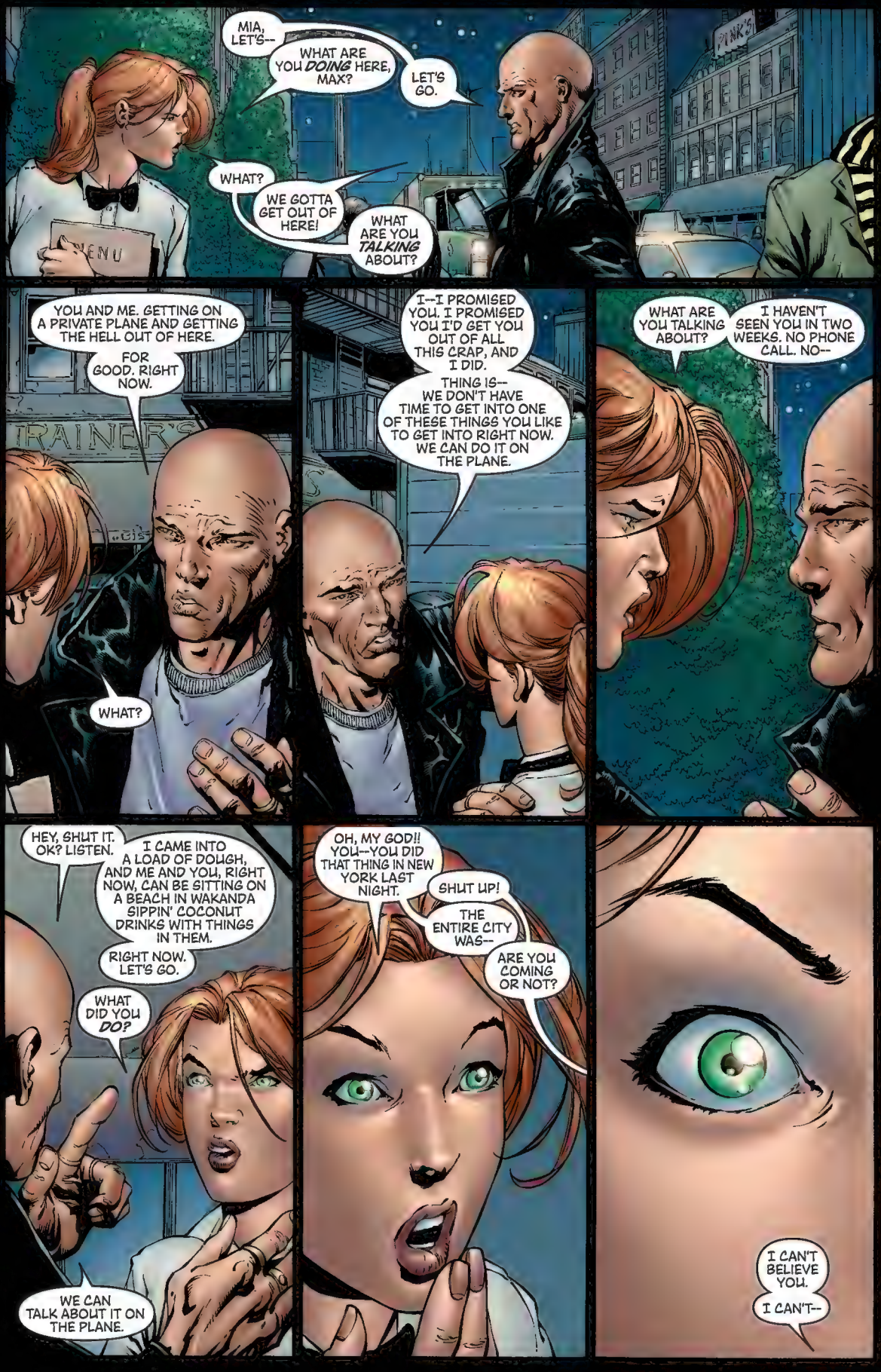
HEY!
YOU SAID IT WAS OKAY.
I DIDN'T SAY YOU COULD LEND IT OUT. THERE'S, LIKE, TEN OF YOU NOW.
THERE'S THREE. AND THEY ARE RIPPING ME OFF.
AND I'M NOT SEEING A DIME.
A DIME OF WHAT?
JUST SAYIN'.
I CAN'T TELL IF YOU'RE JOKING.
YOU'RE NOT THE FIRST WOMAN TO SAY THAT TO ME.
AND WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER GUY WHO WAS THERE LAST NIGHT? THE GOLDEN GUY?
YEAH, I FORGOT ABOUT HIM. I THOUGHT IT WAS THOR FOR A SECOND THERE.
IT'S THE SENTRY. SAVED MY LIFE TWICE LAST NIGHT.
THE SENTRY IS A PRETTY COMPLICATED STORY.
WE'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH THAT RIGHT AFTER THE EMERGENCY AT HAND.
SO DO WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT?
BECAUSE THAT, Y'KNOW, SUCKED.
YES. WELL, THERE WAS A PRISON BREAK.
NO!
AT FIRST THEY THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A SYSTEM FAILURE THAT TURNED INTO A RIOT, BUT IT WASN'T. IT WAS A PRISON BREAK.
AN ASSAULT ON THE ISLAND. SPECIFICALLY TO BREAK OUT ONE INMATE.
WHO?
WE DON'T KNOW YET. NO ONE IS TALKING.
I JUST RECEIVED FOLDERS AND FOLDERS OF DATA FROM S.H.I.E.L.D.
THAT'S IT.
DIRECTOR HILL COOL WITH EVERYTHING?
WE'LL SEE.
SYSTEM PATCH IN.
DISPLAY.
OH MAN, IS THIS--
THIS IS WHO ESCAPED.


OH MY GOD... THESE ARE THE ONES THAT ESCAPED?
AND ONE OF THESE WAS THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE. HE'S OUR PRIMARY TARGET.
HOW MANY IS THIS?
FORTY-TWO.
OH MY GOD.
I HAVE A SMALL VIDEO FILE.
S.H.I.E.L.D. WAS ABLE TO UNCOVER A SMALL BIT OF DIGITAL SECURITY CAMERA FOOTAGE FROM THE WRECKAGE.
LET'S TAKE A LOOK.
WHAT THE HELL ARE WE LOOKING AT?
DUNNO.
WAIT! FREEZE IT!
CAN YOU FREEZE IT?
OH YEAH, THAT'S HIM.
MAX DILLON.
ELECTRO.
I'D KNOW THAT BLURRY SHOULDER ANYWHERE.


THAT'S SO EMBARRASSING.
IT'S ONE OF MY BAD GUYS.
I KNEW SOMEHOW THIS WOULD BE MY FAULT.
ONLY IN YOUR WARPED BRAIN.
WELL, YEAH.
OPEN SERVER NINE. PASSWORD: MASQUE. MAXWELL DILLON.
IS IT MAX? MAXWELL?
DON'T KNOW.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
FINDING HIM.
IF HE MADE ANY ELECTRONIC MONEY TRANSFERS OR-- BOSTON.
BOSTON, WHAT?
HE'S IN BOSTON.
CAN YOU PULL UP HIS RAP SHEET?
YEAH. HERE.
AN HOUR AGO HE TRANSFERRED A LOT OF MONEY FROM A SWISS ACCOUNT TO AN ACCOUNT IN BOSTON, AND THEN TOOK IT OUT OF A NATIONAL BANK.
WHAT'S A LOT OF MONEY?
TO ME OR TO YOU?
WHAT'S IN BOSTON?
HE'S EATEN AT THE SAME RESTAURANT EVERY NIGHT FOR THE LAST THREE WEEKS.
WE'RE GOING TO BOSTON.
IT'S A WOMAN.
SEE? THIS IS HIS PHONE CALL RECORD FROM HIS LAST PRISON STAY.
ONE PERSON-- EVERY WEEK.
MIA SALEM. WAITRESS. THE BROWN DERBY.
BEACON STREET. BOSTON.
THAT'S THE RESTAURANT.
I'VE BEEN AN AVENGER TEN MINUTES, I ALREADY NEED TO LIE DOWN.
HOW? WE ALL GETTING ARMOR?
COME.


NOW THAT'S A...
(WHAT IS IT?)
QUINJET.
FOR SOMEONE NOT SO SURE ABOUT THIS--
I DESIGNED IT MONTHS AGO AND HAD THREE IN BETA TESTING WHEN THE AVENGERS BROKE UP.
NEVER GOT TO DEBUT IT.
UH-HUH.
CAUTION!
WOW.
HEY, IS MATT MUR--IS--IS DAREDEVIL GOING TO JOIN US? HE WAS THERE LAST NIGHT AND--
SEAT BELTS.
NOT AT THE MOMENT.
I'M STILL WORKING ON IT.
YES, MOM.
ON A QUIET DAY, I'LL TEACH YOU GUYS HOW TO FLY THIS THING. IT'S EASIER THAN IT LOOKS.
SO WE ARE PLANNING ON HAVING QUIET DAYS?
THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR--BECAUSE I HAVEN'T HAD ONE SINCE I WAS ELEVEN.

OH MY GOD...

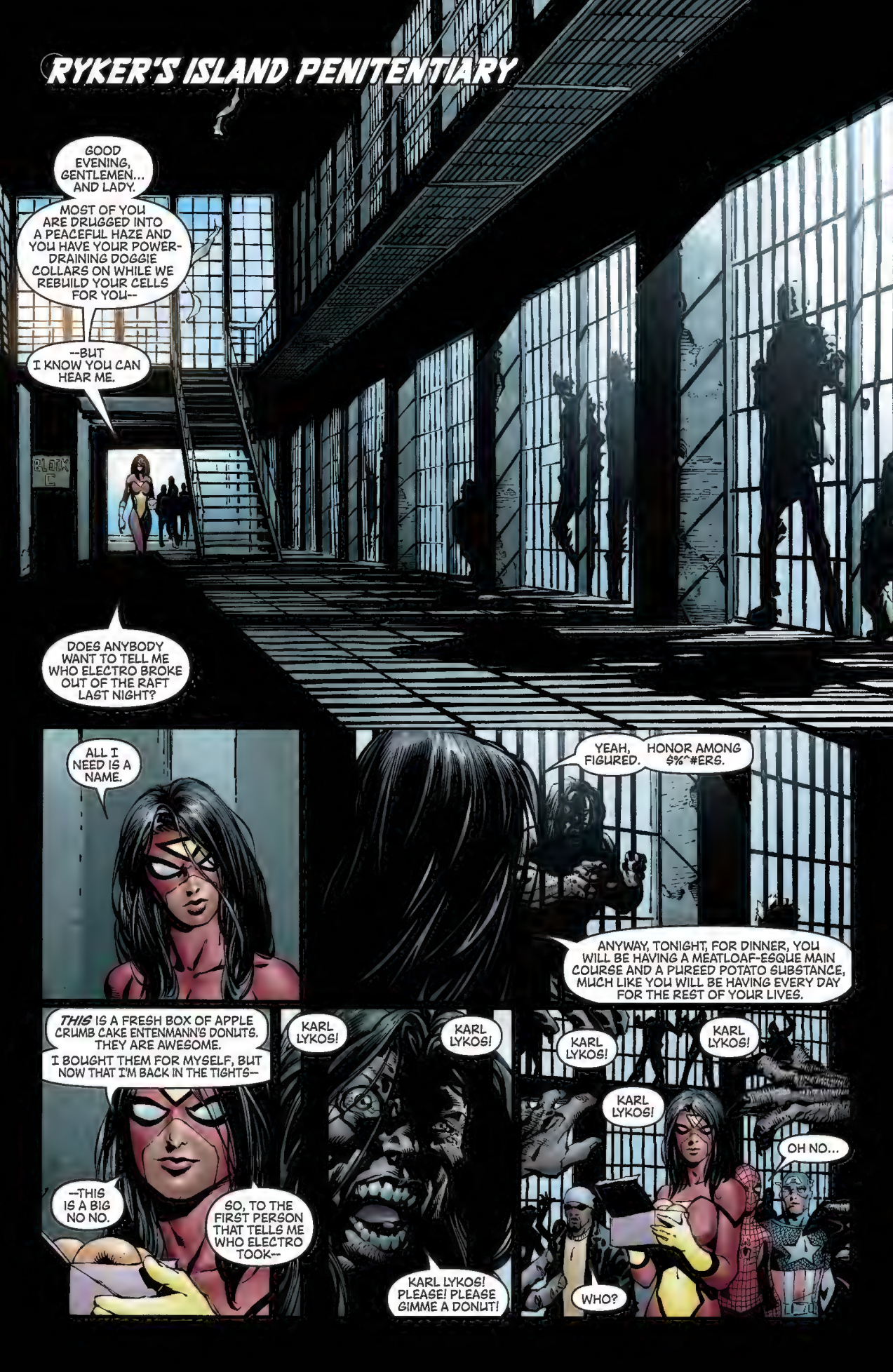

MIA, LET'S--
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, MAX?
LET'S GO.
WHAT?
WE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
MENU
YOU AND ME. GETTING ON A PRIVATE PLANE AND GETTING THE HELL OUT OF HERE.
FOR GOOD. RIGHT NOW.
WHAT?
I--I PROMISED YOU. I PROMISED YOU I'D GET YOU OUT OF ALL THIS CRAP, AND I DID.
THING IS-- WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO GET INTO ONE OF THESE THINGS YOU LIKE TO GET INTO RIGHT NOW. WE CAN DO IT ON THE PLANE.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN TWO WEEKS. NO PHONE CALL. NO--
HEY, SHUT IT. OK? LISTEN.
I CAME INTO A LOAD OF DOUGH, AND ME AND YOU, RIGHT NOW, CAN BE SITTING ON A BEACH IN WAKANDA SIPPIN' COCONUT DRINKS WITH THINGS IN THEM.
RIGHT NOW. LET'S GO.
WHAT DID YOU DO?
WE CAN TALK ABOUT IT ON THE PLANE.
OH, MY GOD!! YOU--YOU DID THAT THING IN NEW YORK LAST NIGHT.
SHUT UP!
THE ENTIRE CITY WAS--
ARE YOU COMING OR NOT?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU.
I CAN'T--

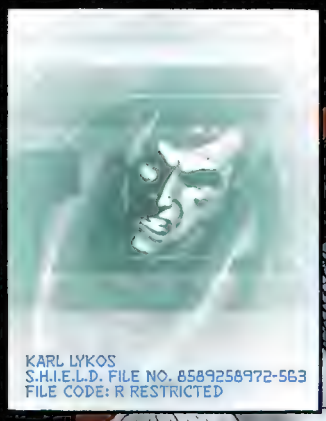
COMIC
BIG

ZZKRRAAKAA
CRAP!
HEY, MAX.
ZZKRRAAKAA

OH NO...
OH NONONO NONO...
YEAH.
WE DID OUR HOMEWORK.
YOU'RE DONE.
I WOULDN'T DO THAT.
ARGH!
ZZAFFT
WHO HIRED YOU?
WHO DID YOU TAKE?
I--I WANT MY LAWYER.
MAX!
HEY, WHEN YOU USED TO FIGHT HIM, HOW'D YOU DO IT?
WELL, I'D WEB MY HANDS INTO MITTS AND POUND THE CRAP OUT OF HIM.
DO ME UP.

THWIP
THWAP
OPEN THE BUBBLE.
HE WAS JUST SUPPOSED TO BLURT OUT A NAME, NOT FAINT LIKE A WUSS.
THIS IS S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT DREW.
WE HAVE MAX DILLON CONTAINED. NEED A SWEEP UP AND CONTAINMENT CREW.
TRIANGULATE MY LOCATION AND LOCK.
GET THESE OFF.
THEY DON'T COME OFF.
WHAT?
ABOUT AN HOUR.
WHAT?
YOU SAID WEB YOUR HANDS.
WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW.
HOW DO WE WAKE HIM UP WITHOUT RISKING A BIG FIGHT?
YEAH, PLUS, HE CAN ESCAPE VIA THE CITY'S ELECTRIC GRID.
YOU KNOW WHAT? I THINK I KNOW HOW TO FIND OUT WHO HE BROKE OUT OF JAIL.
BUT WE'LL NEED TO STOP BY MY HOUSE.


RYKER'S ISLAND PENITENTIARY
GOOD EVENING, GENTLEMEN... AND LADY.
MOST OF YOU ARE DRUGGED INTO A PEACEFUL HAZE AND YOU HAVE YOUR POWER-DRAINING DOGGIE COLLARS ON WHILE WE REBUILD YOUR CELLS FOR YOU--
--BUT I KNOW YOU CAN HEAR ME.
BLOCK C
DOES ANYBODY WANT TO TELL ME WHO ELECTRO BROKE OUT OF THE RAFT LAST NIGHT?
ALL I NEED IS A NAME.
YEAH, FIGURED. HONOR AMONG $%^#ERS.
ANYWAY, TONIGHT, FOR DINNER, YOU WILL BE HAVING A MEATLOAF-ESQUE MAIN COURSE AND A PUREED POTATO SUBSTANCE. MUCH LIKE YOU WILL BE HAVING EVERY DAY FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIVES.
THIS IS A FRESH BOX OF APPLE CRUMB CAKE ENTENMANN'S DONUTS. THEY ARE AWESOME.
I BOUGHT THEM FOR MYSELF, BUT NOW THAT I'M BACK IN THE TIGHTS--
--THIS IS A BIG NO NO.
SO, TO THE FIRST PERSON THAT TELLS ME WHO ELECTRO TOOK--
KARL LYKOS!
KARL LYKOS!
KARL LYKOS! PLEASE! PLEASE GIMME A DONUT!
KARL LYKOS!
KARL LYKOS!
KARL LYKOS!
OH NO...
WHO?



RESTRICTED?
THE FILE IS LOCKED.
CAN YOU OPEN IT?

NO.
I THOUGHT YOU HAD CLEARANCES AND--
I DO. BUT I DON'T HAVE *THAT* KIND OF ACCESS. NOT MANY PEOPLE DO.
CAP?
SOMETHING'S GOING ON.
YEAH.

CALL YOUR BOSS. GET HER TO OPEN IT.
UH, I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD.
SOMEONE LOCKED THIS FILE. IF WE START CALLING AROUND--
IT'LL JUST ALERT THEM THAT WE'RE ONTO THEM.

OK. THEN, WHO THE HELL IS KARL LYKOS?
HE'S A MUTANT.
I'VE HAD THE HONOR OF BEING SMACKED AROUND BY HIM.
HE CAN SUCK ENERGY OR--OR SUCK OUT YOUR POWERS OR SOMETHING. SOMETHING WITH SUCKING.
AND WHEN HE OVERDOES IT, HE TURNS INTO THIS GIANT GREEN OL' JURASSIC PARK THING.

LIKE A DINOSAUR.
A VAMPIRE DINOSAUR.
VAMPIRE *OR* DINOSAUR WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH.
BUT THIS GUY IS *BOTH.* WHICH, REALLY...IS JUST SHOWING OFF.
WHAT DOES HE CALL HIMSELF? SAGEY--OR SAGGY--
SAURON.
SAURON.
AND HE BROKE HIMSELF OUT OF JAIL AND NOW HIS SECRET FILES ARE LOCKED.

(LOCKED FROM THE INSIDE.)
HOLD ON...
HUH.
YOU SEE THIS?

WHAT IS IT?
IT'S THE S.H.I.E.L.D. OUTPOST OUTSIDE THE SAVAGE LAND.
IT'S LOCKED TOO?
IT'S OFF LINE. OUTPOSTS NEVER GO OFF LINE.
THE SAVAGE LAND?
THAT'S WHERE LYKOS LIVES.
TONY, YOU READING ALL OF THIS?
IS THIS A REAL PLACE?
SETTING COURSE.
OY VEY.
CAN I BORROW A PHONE? I GOTTA CALL MY WIFE AND TELL HER I'M OFF TO ANTARCTICA TO GET KILLED IN THE LAND THAT TIME FORGOT.
JUST SAY "PHONE" AND THEN THE NUMBER.
WHAT?
JUST TALK.
THAT'S CREEPY.
IT'S THE FUTURE.

SO, IN THIS LAND THAT TIME FORGOT SOMEWHERE IN ANTARCTICA...
...WHAT'VE WE GOT TO LOOK FORWARD TO?
ALL KINDS OF MUTATES AND DINOSAURS AND BIG CHEETAHS AND A SURPRISING AMOUNT OF ACCEPTABLE NUDITY.
ARE YOU #$%$ING ME?
NO.
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER--WE PROBABLY WON'T SURVIVE THE CRASH.
WHAT CRASH?
YOU DON'T GO TO THE SAVAGE LAND WITHOUT CRASHING.
YOU'VE NEVER BEEN THERE WITH ME DRIVING.
UH-HUH...
SEAT BELTS.
YEAH, THAT'LL HELP.

ALMOST THERE...
ALMOST THERE...

SEE?
I STAND CORRECTED.
SMASH

RRAAAGGHHRRR!
SPLIT UP!
RUN FOR THE TREES!
WHAT THE HELL?
JEEZ!
WOOF!
SO GLAD I SIGNED ON.
WHAT?

TO BE CONTINUED...